

THE PUBLIC FORUM

THE KIDDIES.—You always write something interesting and the editorial in Monday's Day Book on "Babes and Higher Education" was no exception to the rule. Let me add my testimony, as we used to say in prayer meeting. My three children were not sent to school or even kindergarten until about eight years of age. They easily passed up quickly through the grades. The oldest graduated from high school last June with a record seldom if ever exceeded, and the other two are following at a clip that their teachers say will take the honors from the oldest. Why not let them stay babies as long as possible. The learn every day of their lives while young. My children did not have to waste time unlearning such words as "muzzler," "me fink so," and the like, as it was just as easy to say the words properly and they were saved the mortification of being ridiculed, as I was when a child.

Won't you, Mr. Cochran, write an editorial for mothers telling them how much greater they are than God, who merely creates the child, while they have the far greater privilege of taking the little lump of life, which has absolutely no knowledge of anything which it does not afterward learn, and shaping and developing the mind and making it into a human being?

And won't you say something about allowing relatives and friends to use the helpless babes as a substitute for a kitten or a puppy to amuse themselves by teasing it.

Let me suggest that no watchmaker would strike a watch with a stick, and that the mind of a child is infinitely more delicate and valuable. Don't strike or threaten your child if you want to develop what is best in it.—T. B. M.

P. S.—Four of us, all strangers, sat vis-a-vis in a Lake street car this evening and three of us were read-

ing Day Books. We all looked as though we were pleased about it.—McD.

GOLDEN RULE OF RACES.—If my mother were alive and I were young and full of ginger, yet thinking as I do now that war is the effects of evil, and she tried to persuade me to believe differently or force herself to disown me, I would not disown her, but would try to induce her that she was wrong in trying to persuade me to be eager to kill some other son to satisfy the wicked desires of vain profit-seekers.

I have been told the poor Mexicans were robbed of their rights and chased from their homes by rich Americans and rich speculators of other countries, who bought great tracts of land for merely a song. They were the intruders and exploiters. I have been told that nothing like that goes on in Canada, for the Canadian government is rather fair to her people and gives them a chance to own homes.

Canada hasn't much cause to turn on America, but the poor Mexicans have a right to fight for their own interest as well as we.

There is nothing worse than to drive a poor family from the little piece of land it is entitled to. If I am wrong in my conjecture it is because I have been misinformed. This is the first time I have heard of there being a people here in America before the Indians, but no doubt that is true. We never treated the Indians right. If we had a great majority of them would be living today a useful and noble race of people. The Indian is not lazy, but he does not believe in working too hard, so that others will become too rich from his labor. William Penn got along nicely with them and made them his friends.

Treat the Mexicans fair and give them a chance to win back their homes and teach them right, and we need have no fear of their bothering us. They have been ill-treated and